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Assault weapons in Obama's crosshairs

► President launched biggest US gun-control push in generations yesterday ► Gov. Patrick also unveiled Bay State gun safety plan {pages 02, 08-09}



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By the numbers

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Three insurance companies recently mailed refunds totaling nearly \$3 million to motorcycle owners across Massachusetts as part of a settlement with the attorney general's office. Encompass Insurance, an Allstate subsidiary, Amica Mutual Insurance and NGM Insurance were involved in the settlement, which stems from an investigation over companies using inflated rates to charge owners, according to the attorney general's office. **METRO**

Today's local tweet



"U kno u learned to drive in Boston when u blow thru lights cut off pedestrians jump curbs to avoid traffic and swear the whole time. #Boston."

@MATTLEAMS, ON THE JOYS OF BEING A BEANTOWN MOTORIST

In the news

Menino bets food on Pats game

BOSTON. Mayor Thomas Menino yesterday made a bet with the mayor of Baltimore as the New England Patriots and Baltimore Ravens prepare to face off in the AFC Championship game. If Menino wins the "friendly wager," he gets crab cakes, stuffed cabbage, fruit salad and Polish cookies. If the Patriots lose, Menino will have to send Baltimore's mayor local seafood, hot sauce, whoopie pies and ice cream. Also during yesterday's phone wager, Menino made another "Meninoism" when he referred to Patriot Vince Wilfork as Wilcox. **METRO**



Lawmakers call for new drug lab oversight

MASSACHUSETTS. With legislative proposals coming together in advance of Friday's biennial bill-filing deadline, Senate Republicans yesterday announced they'll make a push to create a forensic services drug lab oversight board, a move intended to prevent the type of evidence tampering that recently upended the criminal justice system and eroded public confidence. The proposal calls for a five-member board that would oversee all state facilities involved in forensic services in criminal investigations. **SHNS**

Teen burns boys for initiation

CARVER. A Carver teen is being held in jail after his arrest for allegedly holding down two younger boys and burning them with a lighter. Police on Tuesday said Bryant McDonald, 18, lured the boys, ages 13 and 15, into his family's shed by telling them he would let them join his gang. He then allegedly held them down and burnt their legs and neck with the metal tip of a lighter. **METRO**

Gov. Patrick lays out new gun safety bill

► Law would close licensing loopholes, enhance background checks, reduce access to high-powered ammunition and create new punishments

Gov. Deval Patrick yesterday filed what his administration calls "common-sense" gun safety legislation that will help put an end to gun violence in Massachusetts.

The bill would enhance background checks, close licensing loopholes, reduce access to high-powered rounds of ammunition and aim to prevent illegal firearm possession.

Patrick's proposal follows the legislative momentum that has built in Massachusetts, and across the nation, to strengthen gun laws following the Sandy Hook shooting massacre.

President Barack Obama yesterday also addressed the issue of gun control by proposing an assault weapons ban and mandatory background checks for all gun buyers.

Patrick's bill also includes \$5 million for Department of Mental Health programs to promote public safety and increase awareness about treatment.

"Mental illness is a disease that can be treated, and our communities are safer when the appropriate services and supports are available for people in need," Patrick said yesterday.

"I am encouraged by the palpable consensus in our legislature that the time for action is now. All of us must pull in the same direction to bring about real change in this state and across the country."



Morgan Rousseau and Michael Naughton

Menino: Work on guns just beginning

With both President Barack Obama and Gov. Deval Patrick proposing changes to the country's gun controls, Mayor Thomas Menino spoke out yesterday in support of the national effort, but urged caution that the work to reduce gun violence is not over.

"Now is not the time to let up. Now is the time not to forget Newtown, Aurora, Woolson Street, Humboldt Avenue,"



► Mayor Thomas Menino, co-chair of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, weighed in on yesterday's proposed gun legislation.

Bill Bullet Points

Background checks:

It would enhance background checks by bringing Massachusetts into compliance with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. State courts would have to

transmit mental health records to the state's criminal justice information system so that the federal government could include the information in a national registry all states access before issuing gun licenses.

► **Gun show loophole:** The bill would require gun buyers to undergo background checks at gun shows, closing what is often referred to as a "gun show loophole."

► **Ammo:** Reduce access to high-powered rounds of ammunition.

► **Schools:** It would create tiered

punishments for people who have different weapons on school property and let police make arrests without a warrant to "quickly diffuse a dangerous situation."

► **Gun salesmen:** Dealers could sell no more than one weapon to each licensed buyer each month.

► **Crimes:** It would create four new crimes: assault and battery by means of a firearm, assault by means of a firearm, being a felon in possession of a firearm and commission of a violent misdemeanor while in possession of a weapon.

"It's not about today; it's about tomorrow and what we do to execute the president's plan. It'll make a huge difference in the neighborhoods and cities of America." MENINO

Menino said, referring to two of Boston's high-profile shootings. "Now is the time to turn words into action. Now is the time to mobilize the 1 million people who signed our demand of plan petition for the sake of the 33 lives lost every day to gun violence, for the sake of a 13-year-old boy who was shot tragically last week in our city."

Menino serves as co-chair of the group Mayors Against Illegal Guns. Shortly after the Newtown school shooting, the organization started a petition

calling for increased controls on guns.

Speaking at the Parkman House, Menino anticipated a battle over Obama's proposal from the National Rifle Association. He urged lawmakers in Washington to stand up to the organization and pass the measures.

"We will hold all members of Congress accountable no matter what party they belong to," Menino said. "And we will not allow one organization to hijack our government."

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In the news



Shiner

Man turns self in for church theft

BOSTON. A man previously arrested for allegedly stealing money from seven Boston churches turned himself in Tuesday on charges that he also stole from a North End church.

A warrant for the arrest of Richard Shiner, 47, was issued Dec. 27, according to police. It charged him with larceny over \$250.

Shiner was allegedly the man seen on surveillance video taking money from boxes inside St. Leonard's Church on Bennett Street.

Police said at least one person saw Shiner take the money out of a wooden box.

Shiner then fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

In 2010, Boston police arrested Shiner and charged him with breaking into and robbing seven churches in Dorchester, Roxbury and the South End. **● METRO**

\$250

Shiner was charged with larceny over \$250.

Woman shot during police-involved shooting sues city, 13 police officers

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO



► In this file photo from June 2011, police are seen investigating the area where Reid was shot.

Saying she suffered "severe physical and emotional pain and suffering" when she was shot in the leg during a gunfight between police and her sister's boyfriend, a 33-year-old Boston woman is suing the city and 13 police officers.

Lawyers for Niquel Reid filed the lawsuit in federal court in Boston on Monday. The lawsuit seeks punitive damages as well as unspecified damages for her medical expenses and emotional distress.

In her lawsuit, Reid said her sister called her before 7 a.m. on June 14, 2011, and said she was in a fight with a male friend named Tyrone Cummings. Reid headed over to her sister's apartment in Dorchester and was met on the sidewalk by Cummings.

Her sister and her child then came outside and sat in Reid's car.

Moments later, Boston police officers who were called to

the scene for a domestic violence incident. They pulled up and asked Reid if she was OK. She said yes.

"Completely unbeknownst

Police help

During the exchange of gunfire, Reid was hit in the leg. According to her lawsuit, she said she had to scream to get one of the officers to help her and when they did, they used a shoelace to tie a tourniquet around her leg.

"[Reid] suffered intense pain, extensive bleeding, swelling, numbness to touch, emotional shock, and extreme fear, anxiety and mental distress."

REID'S LAWSUIT

to [Reid], however, and to her great shock, terror and surprise, [Cummings] apparently had a handgun in his clothing, which he produced and fired a single shot towards the [officers]," according to the lawsuit.

An officer, Shawn Marando, was hit in the leg. Officers returned fire and shot the 25-year-old Cummings multiple times. He later died.

At the time of the shooting, Police Commissioner Ed Davis said Cummings was "armed to the teeth" and that they recovered a second gun and a bag of ammunition from him.

A spokesman said city officials had not seen the suit yet and had no comment.

Michael Naughton
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MassDOT dishes on how the T copes with winter weather

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO



► A little snow can cause big problems.

Slushy, snowy conditions caused trouble yesterday for Boston-area commuters as they dealt with delays and disruptions across the MBTA.

The T suffered similar problems earlier this month, when temperatures dropped into the single digits.

Metro caught up with MassDOT yesterday to get answers on the T's biggest winter weather threats, and what is done to prepare for them.

"The biggest issue facing the T during winter weather is

the fact that the key elements of the trains are all powered by air and when frozen moisture occurs during snowstorms or especially cold weather, that can impact doors to brake lines," said Kelly Smith, a MassDOT spokesperson.

Switches may freeze and become caked with ice, so during icy weather, switches will be "exercised" overnight to try and prevent them from freezing during service hours.

"If that doesn't prevent ice

formation, we have workers physically go out and chip the caked ice off the switches," she said.

MBTA bus drivers avoid dangerous roadways, which include steep hills, by using "snow routes," and plowing crews cover key bus routes to make sure snow is removed from roadways.

T customers weren't the only ones suffering yesterday — there was a 40-mile backup on I-93 south from Derry, N.H., to Boston. **● METRO/MR**

T tricks

Tricks to avoid weather woes:

Transit officials winterize heavy and light rail vehicle air compressors and dryer systems to prevent residual moisture that could lead to freezing.

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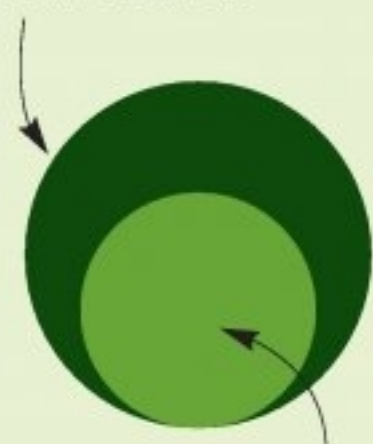
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Most in US oppose overturn of Roe v. Wade decision

Most Americans remain opposed to completely overturning the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, which 40 years ago legalized abortion at least in the first three months of pregnancy, according to a poll. These opinions have changed little from surveys conducted in 2003 and 1992, Pew reported. **REUTERS**

63%

DON'T OVERTURN



29%

DO OVERTURN

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THE DAY'S NEWS AT A GLANCE

Poker player convicted in \$1.18B property fraud

Greek businessman Achilles Kallakis, known as "The Don" on the international poker circuit, was convicted of defrauding lenders and using the proceeds to pay for trophy property, private planes, a yacht in Monaco, luxury cars and artwork, prosecutors said. Kallakis defrauded banks to borrow \$1.18 billion. **BLOOMBERG**

Helicopter crash kills two in London

A helicopter crashed into a crane on top of one of Europe's tallest residential blocks yesterday, killing two people as it burst into flames and spiraled down into rush-hour traffic close to the Houses of Parliament in central London.

Police said there was nothing to suggest a terrorism link to the crash on a foggy morning on the south bank of the River Thames, less than a mile from Britain's parliament, its se-



► Crash debris

cret services headquarters and the site of a new U.S. embassy.

Witnesses said the helicopter hit a crane, spun out of control, fell to the ground and burst into flames. **REUTERS**

Livestrong: 'We expect Lance to be completely truthful' in confession

TIMOTHY A. CLARY/TORSTAR BLACKWOOD/AP/GETTY IMAGES



► You can lie to yourself, but you can't lie to Oprah.

The cancer foundation that Lance Armstrong founded said yesterday that it anticipates the former cyclist will be "completely truthful" in his chat with Oprah Winfrey set to air tomorrow and Friday.

"We expect Lance to be completely truthful and forthcoming in his interview and with all of us in the cancer community," the Austin, Texas-based Livestrong Foundation said in a statement.

Armstrong's reported admission to Winfrey that he used performance-enhancing drugs during his cycling career comes after he has been banned for life and stripped of

Livestrong

The foundation, founded in 1997 and known for its yellow bracelets, advocates for cancer survivors and provides free services to help people affected by cancer navigate challenges.

Over the years, it has raised more than \$500 million.

The foundation said its 2013 budget is 10.9 percent less than its 2012 budget.

Armstrong stepped down as a Livestrong board member in November.

his seven Tour de France victories as a result of the doping scandal.

"Regardless, we are charting a strong, independent course forward that is focused on helping people overcome financial, emotional and physical challenges related to cancer," the statement said.

"Inspired by the people with cancer whom we serve, we feel confident and optimistic about the Foundation's future and welcome an end to speculation," Livestrong said in the statement.

Armstrong, who lives in Austin, visited the foundation staff earlier this week. **REUTERS**

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President Obama unveils biggest

President Barack Obama proposed a new assault weapons ban and mandatory background checks for all gun buyers yesterday as he tried to channel national outrage over the Newtown school massacre into the biggest U.S. gun-control push in decades.

Rolling out a wide-ranging plan for executive and legislative action to curb gun violence, Obama set up a fierce clash with the powerful U.S. gun lobby and its supporters in Congress, who will resist what they see as an encroachment on constitutionally protected gun rights.

Obama presented his agen-

da at a White House event in front of an audience that included relatives of some of the 20 first-graders who were killed along with six adults by a gunman on Dec. 14 at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Until now, Obama had done little to rein in America's gun culture during his first four years in office. But just days before his second inauguration, he appears determined to champion gun control in his next term with a concerted drive for tighter laws and other steps aimed at preventing new tragedies like the one at Newtown.



► President Obama signs a series of executive orders about the administration's new gun law proposals as children who wrote to the White House about gun violence — from left: Hinna Zeejah, Taejah Goode, Julia Stokes and Grant Fritz — look on in the Eisenhower Executive Office building.

Some proposals requiring approval by congress

\$30M

In one-time grants to states to help school districts develop emergency management plans

\$4B

Approve the \$4 billion proposal to help keep 15,000 police officers on the streets

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gun-control measures in decades

Obama's plan calls on Congress to renew a prohibition on assault weapons sales that expired in 2004, a requirement for criminal background checks on all gun purchases, including closing a loophole for gun show sales, and a new federal gun trafficking law — long sought by big-city mayors to keep out-of-state guns off their streets.

He also announced 23 steps he intends to take immediately without congressional approval. These include improvements in the existing system for background checks, lifting the ban on federal research into gun violence, putting more counselors and "resource officers" in schools and making mental health services more accessible. **REUTERS**

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The plan includes a limit on ammunition clips, with a maximum of 10 bullets.

Congress must act

Proposals requiring approval by congress:

- ▶ Require criminal background checks on prospective buyers in all gun sales.
- ▶ Renew and strengthen the federal ban on sales of military-style assault weapons that was in effect 1994-2004.
- ▶ Reinstate a ban on magazines holding more than 10 rounds.
- ▶ Ban the possession of armor-piercing ammunition and its transfer to anyone other than the military and law enforcement.
- ▶ Increase punishments for gun trafficking, particularly by unlicensed dealers or "straw buyers" who purchase arms for criminals.
- ▶ Provide \$30 million in one-time grants to states to help school districts de-

velop and implement emergency management plans.

- ▶ Approve the White House's \$4 billion proposal to help keep 15,000 police officers on the streets.
- ▶ Confirm a director for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The ATF has not had a director for six years.
- ▶ Reach 750,000 young people through programs to identify mental illness early and refer them to treatment.

\$150M

Give \$150 million to school districts and law enforcement agencies to hire school resource officers, school psychologists, social workers and counselors.



▶ Obama

"We can't put this off any longer," Obama said, vowing to use 'whatever weight this office holds' to make his proposals reality. "Congress must act soon."

PRESIDENT OBAMA



▶ NRA President, David Keene

"Only honest, law-abiding gun owners will be affected and our children will remain vulnerable to the inevitability of more tragedy."

NRA STATEMENT



▶ Bloomberg

"There has never been greater public support for common-sense gun laws, and it's up to all of us to make sure that Congress hears that."

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THE WORD



Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip [@monicaatmetro](#) [monica.weymouth@metro.us](#)

— Dorothy Robinson will return on Jan. 21

Stern 'apologizes' to Lena Dunham

For as many people as he offends, **Howard Stern** pretty rarely issues an apology. But on Monday, he took some time from his radio show to say he was sorry — almost — to "Girls" creator and star **Lena Dunham**.

"I really do love the show 'Girls,' and enjoy it, and I admire the girl who writes it," he said on-air. "It makes me feel bad, and I think she is getting the impression that I somehow think she's just a talentless little fat chick."

Now why would she ever think that? Probably because last week, Stern said this: "I learned that this little fat chick writes the show and directs the show and that makes sense to me because she's such a camera hog that the other characters barely are on," he said during his show. "Good for her. It's hard for little fat chicks to get anything going."

We love that Howard Stern is calling out someone for being an unattractive attention hog — and we'll leave it at that.



► Somehow, we think Lena Dunham and her two Golden Globes aren't too worried about Howard Stern.

PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Gaga gunning it

Lady Gaga is feeling the heat after wearing a bra with guns protruding from it on-stage in Vancouver over the weekend.

"Lady Gaga should have used more common sense because she has such a responsibility with her level of fame and is a role model to millions of teenagers around the world," said Ladd Everitt, a spokesman for the D.C.-based Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, in a statement. "Exactly what was the message here, and why was it necessary in the first place in the current climate regarding guns?"

All valid questions, sure.

But what we really want to know is: What can **Madonna** possibly strap to her chest to top this?



Gaga, sans assault weapon lingerie

Your daily Lohan

Lindsay Lohan is no longer welcome at the W hotel after trashing a room in New York over the summer.

"Her suite had so many cigarette burns, they had to change all the carpets. She did at least \$50,000 worth of damage while partying," a source tells *Us Magazine*. "She is not allowed back at any W hotel in NYC, ever."

Good luck with that, guys. But take it from us here at *The Word* — no matter how much damage she does, it's damn near impossible to evict Lindsay Lohan.



We just can't quit you, Linds.

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@ricky_martin

No matter how badass you are, if a child hands you a plastic phone, you answer it.

@Joan_Rivers

The most talked about topic at the Golden Globe Awards was Les Misérables. Not the movie...Tommy Lee Jones's sour puss.

@jimmykimmel

teenagers? More like MEANagers, am I right? #thecrueltyofyouth

@robdelaney

It's "legal" to have sex with someone born in 1995, but I'd rather be hit by 5 cars.

@birbiggs

(Mike Birbiglia)

Twitter is like a verbal bear trap.



Kimmel

Talking points

Renner to have baby with ex

Jeremy Renner is reportedly going to be a father, as an ex-girlfriend of his is set to give birth next month, sources tell *Us Weekly*. Renner was overheard at a Golden Globes after-party telling **Eva Longoria**, "I'm going to fly in when her water breaks," to



► Renner

which Longoria responded, "I'm so blown away." The unidentified ex-girlfriend has reportedly been staying in

Renner's L.A. home during the last months of her pregnancy. "They used to date, but it wasn't serious," says a source, adding that Renner is "being ultra-secretive about it, but she has been going on about her life and not hiding it."

It's another boy for Elton John

Elton John and **David Furnish** are parents once again, welcoming their second son, **Elijah Joseph Daniel Furnish-John** via surrogate late last week

in Los Angeles, the singer announced on his website. "Both of us have longed to have children, but the reality that we now have two sons is almost unbelievable," John and Furnish tell *Hello!* magazine. The boy's birth comes just one day after John's rep was flatly denying reports that the couple was expecting another child.

Did Bieber do the math?

Justin Bieber's tattoo habit is

insatiable. The 18-year-old Canadian singer has already gotten his second piece of body art of 2013, a set of Roman numerals across his collarbone, as revealed in an Instagram photo he posted of himself and producer **Jamal Rashid**, who got the matching digits on his bicep. Rashid claims the numerals, "I IX VII V," stand for 1975 and have a spiritual meaning, though Bieber hasn't offered an explanation. In any event, if it's meant to be the year 1975, it should be "MCMLXXV."

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Sundance style

The Sundance Film Festival kicks off today in Park City, Utah. And while it's a great place to catch the films you'll be hearing about all year, it's also prime-time for silly outerwear.

1: Why do we have the feeling that **Anna Wintour** trapped this coat herself?

2: **Cassandra Hepburn** was sporting one of the cuter animal hats last year.

3: Not even **Sigourney Weaver** could resist Wookiee boots last year.

4: Also popular at Sundance: The Snuggly Nonchalant Hipster, as modeled here by **Taylor Swift**.

5: Furry hat hall of fame: **Spike Lee** in 2009.

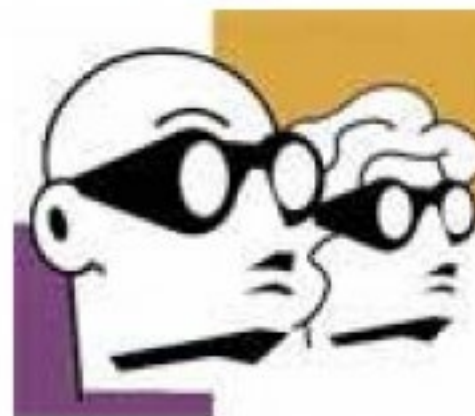
6: As **Coco** proves, you can still show off plenty in your snowsuit.

7: **Paris Hilton** is a notorious Sundance snow bunny. Last year, she rocked the world's largest earmuffs from the slopes to the red carpets.



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Review



'Invisible Man' is a must-see

"Invisible Man" is a powerful story that packs an emotional wallop. If you've read Ralph Ellison's classic 1952 novel, you'll appreciate how true Oren Jacoby's adaptation remains to its source. If you've yet to read it (though you likely will after seeing this production), you might get lost along the way and even be surprised to find that this work has nothing to do with the sci-fi classic with a strikingly similar title. Regardless, the emotional journey in this co-production of the Huntington Theatre Company and Studio Theatre of Washington, D.C., is one worth taking.

"Invisible Man" is a memory play and as such, the entire story is told through the narrative of its main character whose name we never know. Teagle F. Bougere so convincingly brings him to life you can't help being mesmerized.

Over the course of the next three hours (including two intermissions) Bougere's character relives the struggles that brought him from the optimism

of youth to the resignation that comes with throwing in the towel.

It's difficult to watch him get played by society, the establishment, liberal do-gooders and even his own people as he makes his way to invisible status in the most well-lit basement in New York. Bougere captures the plethora of emotions with a performance that toys with your own feelings from start to finish.

Bougere is joined by an ensemble that includes standouts Deidra LaWan Starnes and McKinley Belcher III and local favorites Johnny Lee Davenport, De'Lon Grant and Jeremiah Kissel. The authenticity of this troupe makes it clear why this is the only authorized adaptation of Ellison's masterpiece. It's his words that give "Invisible Man" its voice. **NICK DUSSAULT**

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5 Sundance films to look forward to



► Scarlett Johansson and Joseph Gordon-Levitt star in "Don Jon's Addiction," premiering at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival.

The annual Sundance Film Festival begins this weekend, with Hollywood's dealmakers gathering in snowy Park City, Utah, to see what might be the breakout hit of 2013. The toast of last year's festival, "Beasts of the Southern Wild," went on to earn four high-profile Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture. Here's our pick of what will get the most attention at this year's fest.

'Jobs': This one already has a distributor and an April release date, plus the honor of being the festival's closing night — but curiosity over seeing Ashton Kutcher's turn as Apple co-founder Steve Jobs is a huge

'Don Jon's Addiction'

Joseph Gordon-Levitt is something of a Sundance darling on his own (and he's even hosting the festival's awards ceremony this year), so his directorial debut — about a lothario with an addiction to online porn — is instantly a must-see. Gordon-Levitt also stars, along with Scarlett Johansson and Julianne Moore.

factor here. Early buzz has been strong, suggesting Kutcher may making the jump from the more lightweight fare for which he's known. "Book of Mormon" star Josh Gad co-

stars as Steve Wozniak.

'Kill Your Darlings': John Krokidas' debut feature offers a dark glimpse into the early days of the Beat Generation. It's a must-see at this year's festival, with an impressive young cast — Daniel Radcliffe, Ben Foster and "Boardwalk Empire" scene-stealer Jack Huston — taking on Ginsberg, Burroughs and Kerouac, respectively. The film also stars Dane DeHaan, Kyra Sedgwick and Michael C. Hall.

'The Spectacular Now': "(500) Days of Summer" writers Michael Weber and Scott Neustadter are back with this slightly less sunny tale, based on Tim Tharp's novel about a

hard-partying high school senior played by Miles Teller whose meeting with an outsider, played by Shailene Woodley, changes his life. Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Kyle Chandler and Jennifer Jason Leigh also star.

'The East': The "Sound of My Voice" team of director Zal Batmanglij and writer/star Brit Marling are back with this tense tale of an FBI agent infiltrating a group of anarchists with a vendetta against corporate fat-cats and manufacturers. Ellen Page and Alexander Skarsgard also star.

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BROLIN GOES IN FOR THE PUNCH

► The actor discusses how he let Sean Penn have it on the set of 'Gangster Squad' — and he has the scars to prove it ► Why he's not afraid of making himself look stupid (for a role, that is)

Josh Brolin is making a habit out of going up against his "Milk" co-star Sean Penn as real-life rivals on the big screen. For their latest team-up, "Gangster Squad," Penn's gangster Mickey Cohen is pursued by Brolin's detective John O'Mara in 1949 Los Angeles.

In our chat with Brolin, we hit on some of his favorite topics, including the lost art of fisticuffs and the importance of being willing to look like an idiot to be a good actor.

Your John O'Mara is a hard-charging, all-business detective in a fedora. So basically Dick Tracy, right?

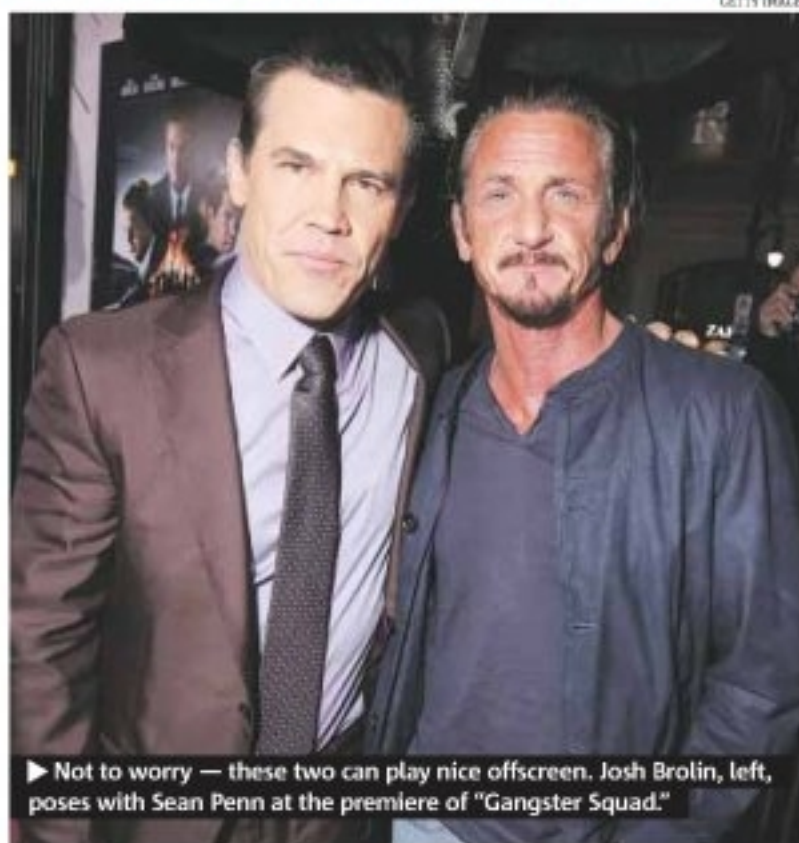
That's not a bad thing. It's funny because I had problems with the dialogue when we were first going through the script. The decision was made to make him a little more la-

Quoted

"You just have to get over feeling like an idiot. People talk about acting, and I go, 'Look man, it's a profession of humiliation.'"

BROLIN

conic, and I think that was right. It was this kind of Clint Eastwood-ian take on the guy that I think was good. It let Sean do what Sean was doing, which was bigger, and then Ryan [Gosling] do what he was doing, which was more ad-libbing.



► Not to worry — these two can play nice offscreen. Josh Brolin, left, poses with Sean Penn at the premiere of "Gangster Squad."

Is it less fun to be the serious one in the group?

No, because I have so much fun otherwise. I don't walk around the set acting like I'm John O'Mara all the time.

You've got an impressive fistfight with Sean Penn in this film for which no stunt men were used.

That was a good fistfight. I mean, I like fist-fighting anyway. I just think it's a lost art. I was talking to my dad about this, and I was like, "I wonder if there was less violence — less extreme violence — back when people could fistfight" ... as opposed to "You touch me and I touch you and we sue each other." Sean and I both had to get in very good shape; we had to rehearse a lot. And I was really happy the way it turned out. There were a few slips. I've got a little scar right here [on my lip]. Occupational hazard.

Q&A

There's also an occupational hazard of looking foolish when a punch goes wrong. You just have to get over feeling like an idiot. People talk about acting, and I go, "Look man, it's a profession of humiliation." You feel like an idiot on the set most of the time, you're embarrassing yourself most of the time, and hopefully you get to some kind of magical moment that the audience gets to see where they don't get to experience all that embarrassment. The older I get, thank God, the less and less I care about embarrassing myself and looking stupid. It's very liberating.



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In the news

Lambert, 'Smash,' 'Wallflower' among GLAAD award nominees

Television shows "The New Normal" and "Smash," animated film "ParaNorman," and "American Idol" runner-up Adam Lambert were among nominees yesterday for the GLAAD Media Awards.



► Adam Lambert

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, which monitors media depiction of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, announced more than 150 nominees for its 24th annual awards in categories ranging from film and theater to journalism.

"ParaNorman" was nominated by GLAAD for outstanding film in wide release, along with "Cloud Atlas," which features several heroic gay characters, "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" and "Your Sister's Sister." **REUTERS**

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GIRL TALK

► HBO's hit comedy is back, with two Golden Globes to boot ► Stars Allison Williams and Jemima Kirke dish on their characters' sartorial choices, their dorky style moments and finally dressing like adults

Allison Williams

Dorkest fashion moment

"I went up to Jason Wu at the restaurant Perilla after his show and I just introduced myself to him cold. I was like, 'I understand that it's probably intrusive and you're with your family, but I wanted to say that I think you're a genius.' He was so gracious."

On Marnie's style

"She definitely leans toward conservative stuff and she makes me look adventurous — although I'm really not. I wish clothes would just fit her better. Any mistakes in fitting are 100 percent on purpose, though. It's supposed to look like you bought a thing off the rack and it fits the way it fits."

Her personal style

"I like color a lot. I'm interested in different cuts. I love the way [peplum] looks, but I've also worn more princess-y things. Day-to-day, I'm a jeans, boots and oversized sweater girl."



"Grace Kelly is No. 1."

WILLIAMS, ON WHOSE STYLE SHE ADMIRES

Getting red carpet-ready

"It's really fun. It makes me feel like a princess. I have to rein it in. I recently went into a fitting and there was a rack of clothes of my stuff and there was another rack of fluffy, big gowns and my stylist was like, 'No, Allison. No. You're not a debutante.'"

A whole new kind of access

"I've had the pleasure of cultivating relationships with some designers so I can say, 'Listen, do you have something that I can wear to this thing tonight?' Acting is my first love, but the fact that I get to wear cool clothes and get to know myself better through what I wear in real life, that's such a pleasure."

Her dad, Brian Williams, is her unofficial stylist

"He has a really good eye. He's an aesthete and he sees people in the things that he sees in stores. He looks at them and thinks, 'That looks like Allison.'"

Jemima Kirke

Jessa's look is based on her own

"I think it's like a caricature of how I dress in real life or maybe even a way that I used to dress for a minute in my life. Or it might be the way Lena used to look at the way I dressed and how she pictured styling my outfit in her head the next day."

Her personal style

"Well, that's gone out the window since I've had children. I just put on clothes so that I'm not naked during the day. I used to change my outfit maybe once in the day, the way some girls do. Now sometimes I have on the same outfit for two days."

Dressing like an adult

"As I start to feel more like an adult, I start to shop at more brand names, which I never did. It was vintage or stuff I had forever or my mother's stuff. But now that I'm getting older I can't get away with the T-shirt with the hole in it."



"Helen Mirren is one I wouldn't mind being tied to."

KIRKE, ON WHOSE STYLE SHE ADMIRES

Where she shops

"Bird [or] Smith and Butler, in Brooklyn."

Jessa's bohemian wedding dress

"You know who made that dress? My mom. Don't get me wrong, she didn't sit there and sew it. She has a shop called Geminola in New York. Half of it, I would say, she designs, and half of it is antique and vintage clothing."

What she's loving

"Chanel made these creeper shoes. They are like a spin on the punk creeper shoe. They're beautiful and awesome but I can't wear them. I'm just not style-conscious like that anymore. I just don't wear statement-y things. I don't wear loud things. I just wear what looks nice. I'm not wearing mom jeans, though."

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'Girls' costume designer Jenn Rogien on where she shops for the show

"I try to keep the shopping realistic for the character's background and financial situation, which often means a cool

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TV watch list

'Archer'

COMEDY. Archer is more clueless than ever as Season 4 opens, but this time he has an excuse: The superspy has amnesia. It leads to an awesome homage to "Bob's Burgers," the other animated show for which H. Jon Benjamin



► Amnesia doesn't keep Lana Kane (voice of Aisha Tyler) and Sterling Archer (voice of H. Jon Benjamin) apart.

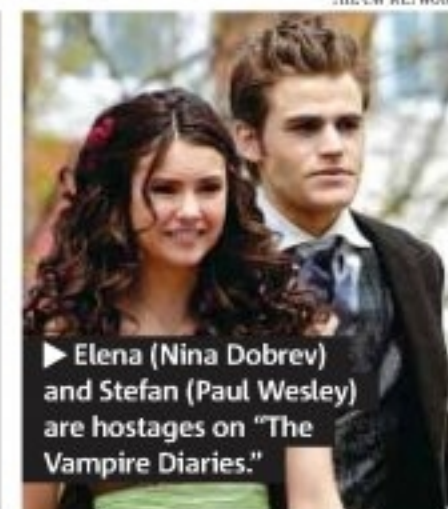
provides the voice. Season premiere, 10 p.m., FX

'Suits'

DRAMA. Harvey and Mike take a criminal case that hits close to home. Midseason premiere, 10 p.m., USA

'Project Runway All Stars'

REALITY. The finale finds the de-



► Elena (Nina Dobrev) and Stefan (Paul Wesley) are hostages on "The Vampire Diaries."

signers creating a collection in just four days. Season finale, 9 p.m., Lifetime

'The Vampire Diaries'

DRAMA. What would an epic episode involving returning Originals be without Elena (or Stefan, or Caroline — or all three, in this case) being held hostage at Mystic Falls High? 8 p.m., The CW ● AMBER RAY

Top 10 films

Reasons to hit theaters this weekend

1 'The Last Stand': Arnold Schwarzenegger takes on the leader of a drug cartel with the help of his amateur partners. As rumors swirl that this could be his own last stand as an action hero, expect some classic AH-NULD one-liners with this one.

2 'Mama': Jessica Chastain and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau star as parents who help their young nieces adjust to normal life after spending years abandoned in a forest — and try to protect them from the haunted spirit they call "Mama."

3 'Broken City': Academy Award nominees Mark Wahlberg and Russell Crowe share an interesting relationship as determined cop and corrupt city mayor in this new action-drama. Watch as Wahlberg battles Crowe for revenge while uncovering secretive information.

4 'Les Misérables': This thing cleaned up at the Golden Globes on Sunday, winning awards for Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway and a few barbs from hosts Tina Fey and Amy Poehler about Russell Crowe's singing.

5 'A Haunted House': It's about time all those documentary-style horror movies like "Paranormal Activity" and "The Last Exorcism" get a send-up — and Marlon Wayans and Cedric the Entertainer are happy to do the job.

6 'Zero Dark Thirty': Jessica Chastain stars in Kathryn Bigelow's military drama about the hunt for Osama Bin Laden.

7 'Texas Chainsaw 3D': Leatherface has had as many incarnations in Hollywood as he has had gross homemade masks. This time, a new cast of young unknowns do battle with the serial killer.

8 'The Impossible': Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor star in this heart-breaking retelling of one family's real-life experience of surviving Thailand's 2004 tsunami.

9 'Promised Land': Matt Damon and John Krasinski co-star in this thoughtful film about one salesman's internal conflict when he attempts to push fracking onto a small town.

10 'Gangster Squad': Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and Josh Brolin star in this 1940s underworld shoot-'em-up about the mob's first infiltration of the City of Angels and the LAPD's effort to resist the takeover. This is no "Chinatown," but it may all be worth it for Gosling in a suit.

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► Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in "The Last Stand."

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Helping moms and dads meet their match

► New website links single parents via their kids ► How to help yours navigate the online dating scene

When Matt Connolly's mom was looking for her "knight in shining armor," he decided to help — in a big way.

In October, Connolly created myLovelyParent, a dating website for older men and women

where children recommend the potential suitors to their parents. Sons and daughters can scroll through the website's members and send a note to their parent with details about the users who caught their eye. Then, it's up to the

parent to make the initial connection.

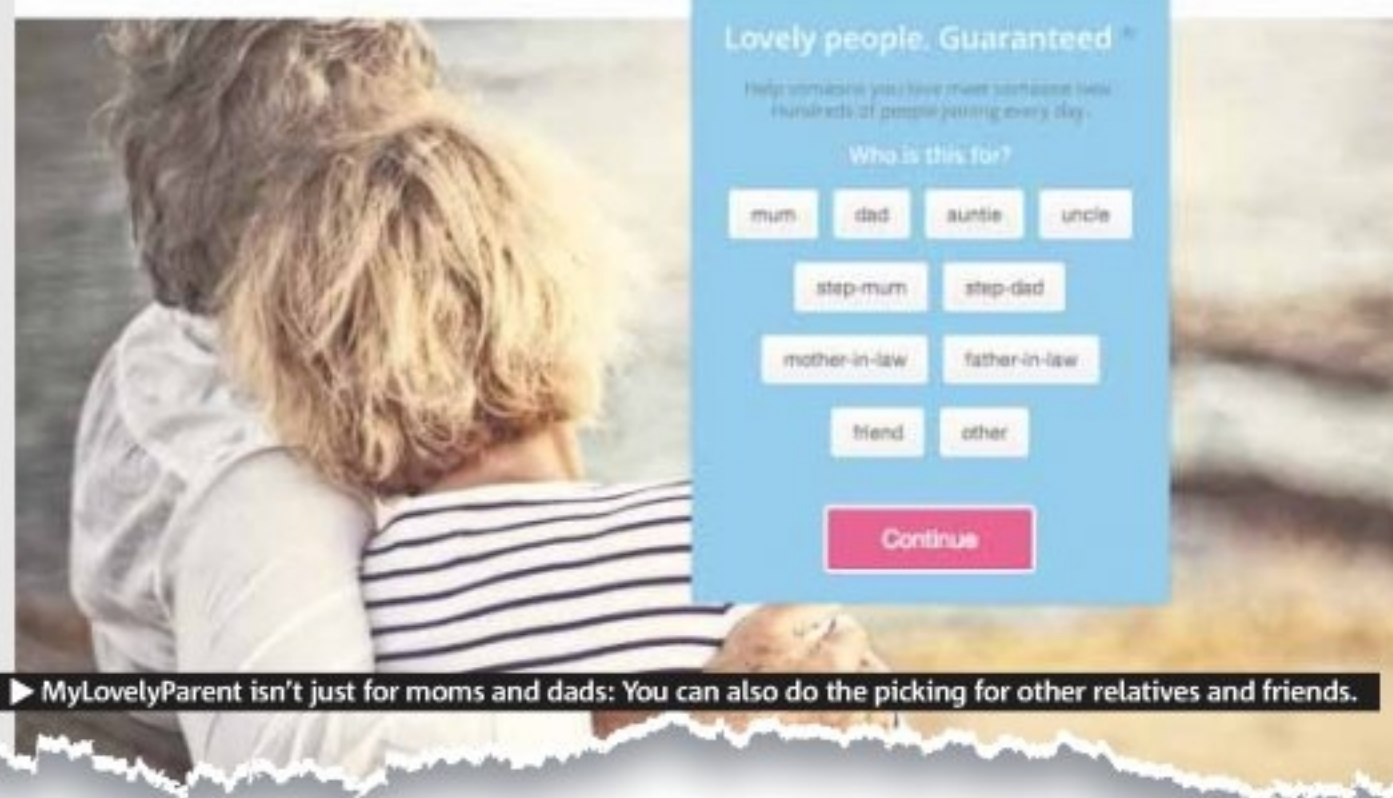
"I imagined a place where [my mom] could go online, where she could meet other like-minded people, it would be really safe, it would be really easy to use and so on," Con-

nolly says of his site, which is currently free but come spring will be subscription-based. "I really liked this whole thing about 'maybe I could start my mum's profile,' and if she wants to go on the journey then she could, and if she didn't that's cool. Then [I thought], are there going to be other people who want to use this as well? Before you know it, I'm discovering these amaz-

ing stories where people have pretended to be their mum or dad online just to check them out. So what I found was there's a whole stack of those kids, adult children, who wanted their mum or dad to find a new partner but found it really difficult — there was no natural home for where we could do that. And so that's where myLovelyParent was born."

my Lovely Parent

Helping older single mums & dads meet new people online



► MyLovelyParent isn't just for moms and dads: You can also do the picking for other relatives and friends.

Connolly's tips on helping parents get into online dating

- 1 Convince them that it's the new norm.** "The fastest-growing audience for online dating is the 55-plus segment," he says. "The second-fastest is 45 to 55. Everybody's doing it."
- 2 Help them write their profile.** "Draw out those things that are slightly different, slightly quirky, slightly individual to your parent."
- 3 Make sure they're truthful in disclosing information.** "Honesty is probably my No. 1 point," Connolly says. "We have an amazing chance as a child, as somebody who knows them for all of our lives, to be really positive — but also really objective."
- 4 Ensure their safety.** "Relationships take time to develop. Online is no different. Keep checking in."



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► Matt Connolly created Mylovelyarent.com to help single parents find each other.

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New Hampshire



► Clarke is seen performing during last year's Comedy Fest.

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Base Elevation: 1,984 ft.**Summit Elevation:** 4,004 ft.**Vertical Drop:** 2,020 ft.**Number of Lifts:** 12**Number of Trails:** 52**Longest Run:** 15,840 ft.

On Sunday, Waterville presents the second annual Lenny Clarke Comedy Fest to

benefit the Wounded Warriors and the Waterville Valley Adaptive Sports Program. Lenny will be joined by "America's Got Talent" runner-up Tom Cotter and his wife, comedian Kerri Louise Cotter, Paul DeAngelo, Graig Murphy, Tony V., Dave Russo and others. Tickets are \$30 and are on sale at the Ticket Office, Guest Services, and online.

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Today's taxes on wealthy aren't all that taxing

RE: "THE TAX MAN COMETH — BUT ONLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL" (METRO, JAN. 14) First up, working (for others) folk, no matter how little they make, pay payroll tax; the fact that some get it all back at filing time doesn't diminish the reality that they make too little to qualify to pay taxes, let alone pay for the basics of existence in today's America.

President Obama, I believe, would LOVE to cut spending. Start with "defense," the biggest waste of our tax dollars. But GOPers won't. They want it all to come out of Social Security and Medicare, the "irrelevants" to the budget argument and poverty programs. Dollar for dollar, we

Quoted

"By all means, let's blame the minimum-wagers for their status in a system tilted far to the wealthy, many of whom can't possibly spend all the money they claim in three lifetimes."

JOHNSON

get more eco-activity generated via infrastructure spending and income-savings payments (SS) than protecting the privileged

classes claiming "entitlement" to everything they collect off the blood/sweat/tears of the 99 percent. Raising taxes on the rich isn't "the (only) answer," but it's a step in the right direction. We've got a long way to the Eisenhower tax rates.

The only "successful" people are the wealthy? You think many of them actually work? And you think 35 percent to 39.6 percent tax rate devastates the wealthy? It "takes away people's spirit to work hard"? Please!

RANDY JOHNSON, VIA E-MAIL

Rein in the plastic before someone gets the scissors

RE: "YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO

WATER, BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE IT CREATE MORE JOBS" (METRO, JAN. 15) Letter writer F. Michael Angelo's letter about Galbraith's economic theory had as his basic objection to a free market "that it frustrates reformers in achieving their reforms, because it enables people to have what they want, not what the reformers want. Hence every reformer has a strong tendency to be averse to a free market."

Just as President Obama's pseudo-economics has been doing for the past four years. They just don't work in a free society.

You can't keep raising the ceiling on future credit (debt) without cutting spending. Sooner or later your credit card won't be honored.

A president must not be allowed to blackmail the Republican representatives who know better. We should have been careful of what we wished for. Now we've got it.

ALAN JACOBS, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♈ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Finding access to persons who could be key to your present plans will come more easily than you thought. This includes even some individuals who have been deliberately dodging you.

♉ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. You are in a much stronger position career-wise than you may realize. Don't let self-doubt or discouragement by others cause you to believe otherwise.

♊ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Discussions with wise friends might be the key to helping you unravel a bind. If you talk to some of your smarter pals, you'll find the answers you need.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Be tough enough to dedicate your time and efforts to a difficult objective that you're anxious to attain, and you'll achieve your purposes. Don't let yourself get bogged down.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Don't be reluctant to revise some long-standing methods if they are no longer proving to be productive. Things don't always get better with age.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. You're likely to fare far better if you respond to events instead of precipitating them. At this juncture, it's

better to react than to lead.

♊ Cancer June 21-July 22. Unusually bold measures will be required to advance one of your interests. Don't be afraid to take a calculated risk if that's what it takes.

♊ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. If you've left something dangling, even for a good reason, now is the time to put it to rest. It could produce potential benefits for everybody involved.

♊ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Chances are you'll finally tackle a duty you've put off for quite some time, all because you thought it would be a dull experience. To your surprise, it will prove to be invigorating.

♊ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. When you finally decide to work on your household's budget, you'll surprisingly find ways to get better mileage from the monies at hand.

♊ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Try not to treat serious matters indifferently — but by the same token, don't approach life in such a somber manner that you depress others as well as yourself. Find a compromise.

♊ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. An old debt that you thought about writing off is likely to be repaid during this cycle. It's a good thing you weren't too quick to forget about it. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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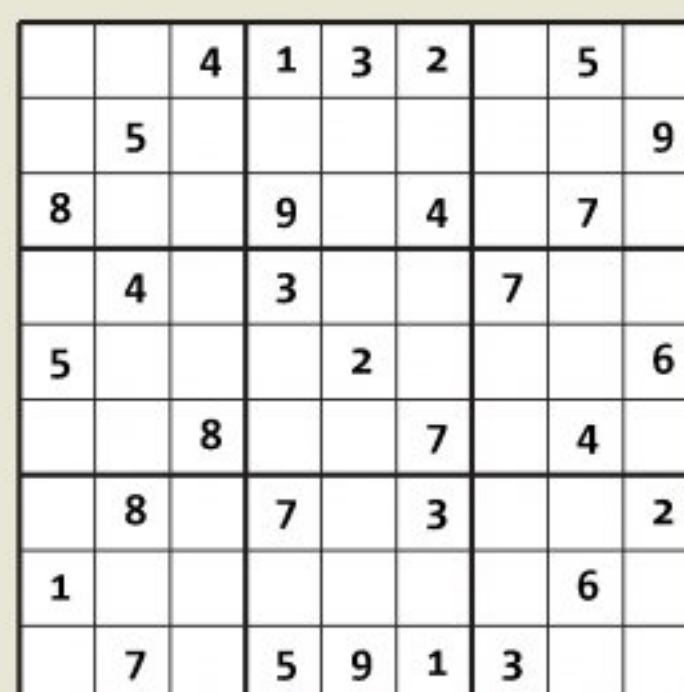
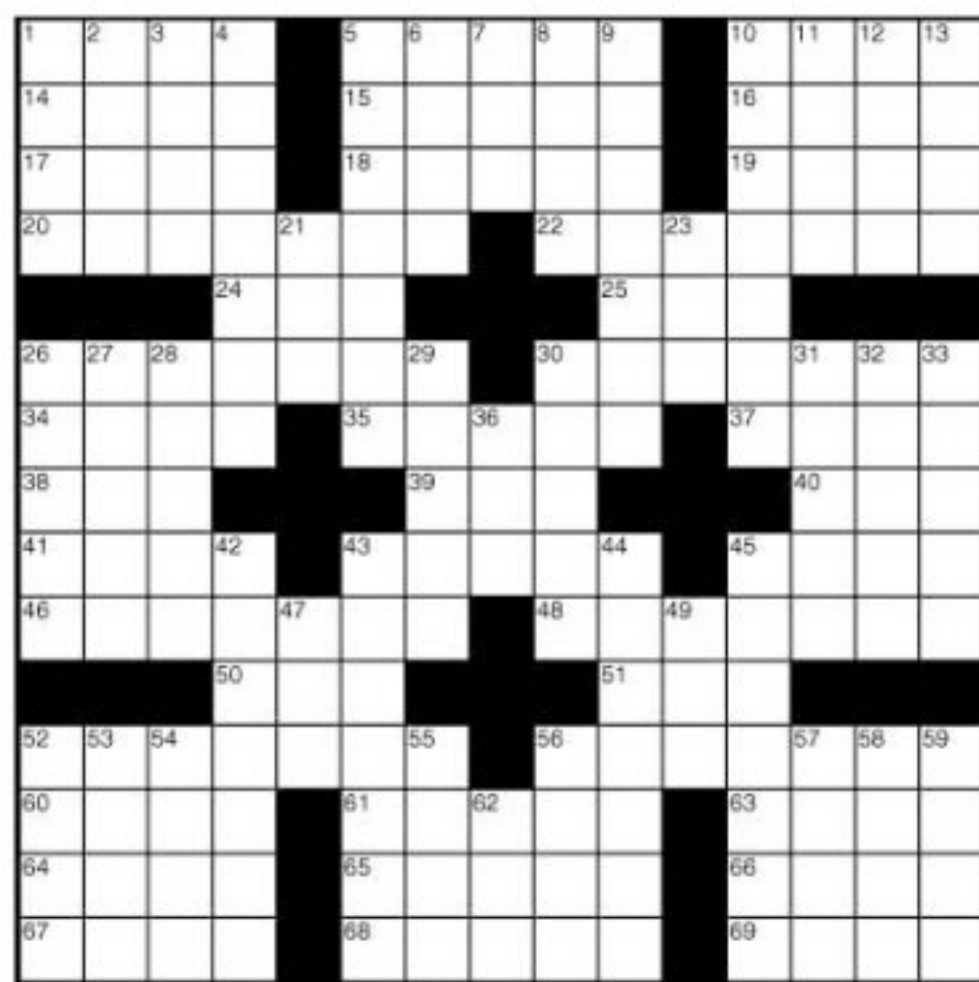
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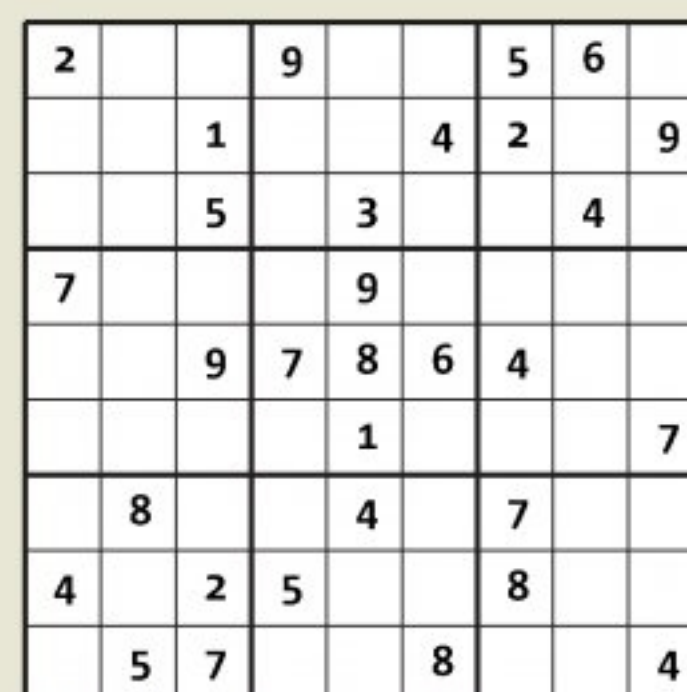
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Go back to school!

- Cafeteria is a nice place, but the cocktails are a little too Newbury Street for this writer
- If you like your booze sweet though, you may have a very different experience there

THURSTY

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Occasionally we'll get into beer and wine — and I often talk about the atmosphere of a bar as a whole — but the primary focus of this column is meant as an exploration of cocktails throughout the city.

There just isn't enough room to get too into service or food, although if they stand out in one direction or the other they certainly deserve a mention. That said, I've been working on an idea about whether or not you can tell if you're going to get a decent cocktail at a bar by reading the cocktail menu before you even walk in (short answer: yes). When I was looking over the list for Cafeteria on Newbury Street, a spot that I had long dismissed as, you know, "Newbury Street," I saw a few options that changed my perception.



► Anthony Jimenez and Stephanie Hernandez enjoy a big fruity concoction at Cafeteria.

Most promising was the Straight A's, made with Applejack, Aperol, apricot brandy and Angostura bitters. Sounds good, right? About five seconds into my first sip, however, I was doing my best Will Arnett/Gob Bluth impression: "I've made a huge mistake."

If you go

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What should have been a fruit-forward, lightly bitter stirred cocktail was a dominated by — ugh — DeKuyper brandy, which is essentially the equivalent of eating the little jelly packets they leave on the table at diners. Lose the brandy and the rocks and this could

work.

The Bee Student, made with Bulleit bourbon, fresh grapefruit, lemon, honey syrup and bitters, likewise seemed like a winner. Unfortunately, the bottled grapefruit wasn't "fresh" as advertised. It also wasn't — like the bitters — actually served in the drink until I asked about their omission. Worse still, when the ingredients were added it became a cocktail of sugary heartburn.

Strangely, the best of the bunch was the Cherry Coke; cherry-infused vodka, simple syrup, lemon, cola and sweet vermouth, because although it was definitely sweet, at least it came as advertised.

For all I know, this is what people actually want on Newbury Street, so maybe this isn't tailored to my less populist taste. Just kidding, everyone out there has awful taste!

So, bars: You should get your act together and give Newbury Street something better in 2013.

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The atmosphere

Still, a nice enough place ...

The boutique-y little brownstone restaurant has just installed a new 12-seat stone bar in its second floor dining room. The space is warm and welcoming, and a nice place to duck away from the crowds on the street. It will be particularly enjoyable in the summer months when they open the large second floor windows. Just remember: Stick with wine or beer.

Nosh On

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Providence's third annual Restaurant Week runs through Jan. 26. A three-course lunch costs \$14.95 and a three-course dinner costs \$29.95. But the bargains extend further into little Rhodey and Bristol. Go for the day, eat lunch at one of these places and dinner at the other! These are our two picks for how to maximize your day trip experience. Visit www.go-providence.com for more info.

Thick granite walls, gnarled wood beams and a stout brick fireplace frame the dining room at **DeWolf Tavern** (259 Thames Street). Chef **Sai Viswanath's** unique fusion of New England and Indian includes naan "pizzas" slathered with locally grown veggies, squash samosas with

cranberry relish and tandoor-roasted natural chicken with a Brussels sprout cornbread hash.

Rizwan Ahmed, the chef/owner of **Hourglass Brasserie** (382 Thames Street) brings considerable pedigree to Bristol. Ahmed, for one thing, cooked under



► The Hourglass

Michel Roux's at the fabled London restaurant Le Gavroche. Not surprisingly, the Hourglass's menu is steeped in classic French style. But Ahmed is playful, too, swapping bacon for a "meaty" flavored Marmite butter to top scallops. Yum!

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G. Love: 'There's no other white kid on the street playing Dobro and rapping'

► The Special Sauce man reflects on 20 years of dodging genres and going between Boston and Philly addresses
► 'For me, there are no rules now'

Twenty years ago, after moving from Philadelphia to Boston, G. Love's musical career quickly rose from the streets and subway stations to regular club gigs that eventually landed him a record deal that brought him back to Philly.

"I moved to Boston because I knew it was one of the only places you could get a permit to be a street performer," says G. Love (born Garrett Dutton). "I got a ride up there and went to Inman Square to get a permit to play in Harvard Square. I found a room in Jamaica Plain and I used to get on the 39 bus to Copley Square and hop on the Green Line to the Red Line with all my f—ing s—. I looked

like a homeless person. I had this cart with a folding chair, my amp, a mic stand and all my gear and my guitar. I would wear a seersucker suit and Pumas with the fat laces. It was pretty competitive out in Harvard Square and I wouldn't make too much money, but I got my s— together."

After Mark Sandman of Morphine got G. Love a weekly gig at the Plough and Star in Cambridge, interest from record companies soon followed. The headstrong 20-year-old who started merging hip-hop with his Delta blues and Dobro guitar had created a signature blend of musical stylings very unique for the time.

Hip-hop/blues may seem like a strange classification, but ask G. Love if he finds it odd and he'll tell you, "Well, no, because I made it up! I really believe that," he says. "I remember the exact moment that I stumbled upon it and I was playing on the street in Philly and I finished playing this sort of driving blues groove of mine, and it was just a two-chord jam — nothing fancy. I just started rapping these lyrics from Eric B. and Rakim's 'Paid in Full,' and it



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worked. I was like, 'Damn that's some s— right there!' That was kind of an epiphany for me. I thought 'There's no other white kid on the street

playing Dobro and rapping. I bet.'"

Nine LPs and several EPs deep, he is back living back in Boston and promoting his 2011 album, "Fixin' to Die." The album is on Brushfire Records, a label run by Jack Johnson, who he frequently collaborates with and even had as a special guest on his record when Johnson was still relatively unknown. But Dutton sounds like he's doing anything but fixin' to die.

"It's funny," he says. "It's our 20th year right now. We've

messed around with a bunch of styles. Right now in the studio, I just want to make really honest and raw music without getting caught up in producing and stuff like that. We make our living on the road and we can write songs and be in the studio. It can all be about the music and the purity of the expression. For me, there are no rules right now. It's just about making amazing records."

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"Right now in the studio, I just want to make really honest and raw music without getting caught up in producing and stuff like that." G. LOVE

Also onstage

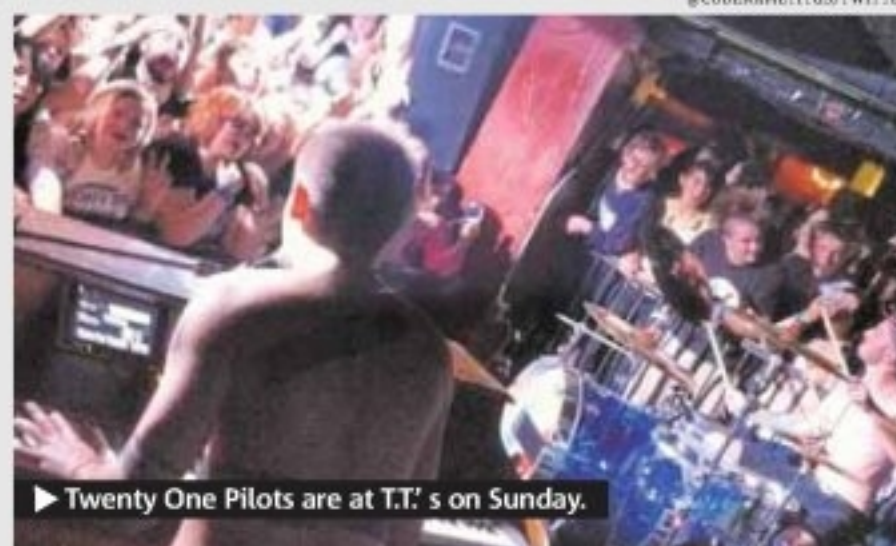
Blonde Redhead

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Comprised of two Italian dudes and a Japanese woman, Blonde Redhead first came on

the art-rock scene in the '90s, sounding a lot like Sonic Youth (but who didn't in those days?). As they progressed, they took on more of an ethereal, shoegazey sound, with a secret weapon in singer Kazu Makino's haunting, distant vocals. Their last album was 2010's "Penny Sparkle."

Twenty One Pilots

Sunday, 6:30 p.m.



► Twenty One Pilots are at T.T.'s on Sunday.

T.T. the Bear's Place
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Despite their name, there are actually only two guys in this keyboard-based pop band. Their bright, hooky music, heavy on synth, has a feeling of inverted, conquered melancholy. If there was a musical equivalent of those seasonal affective disorder lamps, it would sound like these guys. **MATTHEW DINARO**

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Pats ready for 'role' call



► Danny Woodhead is expected to play in the AFC title game.

► Team mentality always prevalent in Foxboro ► RB situation perfect example of Belichick's principles

There are 46 active Patriots players per game, each one just as important as the next.

That's the mentality that each player on the team has — from Tom Brady on down. Regardless of who starts or who gets more snaps, each player has to be ready to do one thing at a moment's notice: his job.

We saw a prime example of this last Sunday against the Texans. Patriots running back Danny Woodhead went down with a thumb injury early in the game, and in came Shane Vereen, who had previously taken a backseat to both Woodhead and Stevan Ridley.

New England didn't miss a beat. In fact, Vereen shined as he rushed for 41 yards and a touchdown while hauling in five receptions for 83 yards and two more scores, including a 33-yard beauty down the sideline.

"Well, I think that's the way our entire team has to look at this game," Bill Belichick said. "Everybody's got to be ready to go. You're one play away from doing different things than you thought you'd be doing. ... The role could change. We only have so many guys out there, so we've got to double up."

While Woodhead looks to return Sunday, Rob Gronkows-

96 The Pats racked up 96 yards rushing against the Ravens in last year's AFC title game. BenJarvus Green-Ellis had 68 yards.

ki is out for the remainder of the postseason after breaking his left arm again. But that won't cause Brady to hesitate in throwing to his other targets.

"When people trust each other, then you can play with anticipation and confidence and ultimately go out there and play aggressively," Brady said. "There's really no secret to it."

That trust you see during games doesn't just happen. It's built through long hours on the field and in the film room. Of course, it all comes down to buying in to the "Patriot Way."

"If you want to be a good football team, you'll never be stuck in rush-hour traffic" Jerod Mayo said. "You are the first one here and the last one to leave. I think guys really buy into that, guys that come from other teams. I think they follow the lead of the bulk of this team, and it has worked well here."

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In the news



Deadspin: Te'o story about dead girlfriend a hoax

Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o was arguably the biggest name in college football this past season, as the Fighting Irish made a remarkable run to the national championship.

The 22-year-old Mormon was a Heisman Trophy candidate, and his inspirational story gained steam throughout the fall. As dozens of media outlets told it, including Sports Illustrated, Te'o learned of the death of his grandmother and girlfriend in a span of six hours this past September.

Te'o's grandmother did, in fact, pass away. However it turns out his girlfriend never existed at all, according to a scathing report by Deadspin.com on Wednesday.

One source in the story said that he was "80 percent sure" Te'o was "in on it" and that he had helped stir the pot regarding the death of a fictional person.

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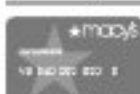
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